
PLENARY MEETING

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Note by the Secretary-General

RESOLUTION 4 (DUBAI, 2012)

Periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations

The World Conference on International Telecommunication (WCIT-12) (Dubai, 2012) has adopted Resolution 4 on periodic review of the International Telecommunication Regulations which was requested to be brought to the attention of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

The text of Resolution 4 (Dubai, 2012) is attached.

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Annex: 1

ANNEX

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The World Conference on International Telecommunications (Dubai, 2012),

recalling

Resolution 171 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on preparations for this conference on the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs),

considering

- a) that the ITU Council Working Group to prepare the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) held extensive discussions on the ITRs;
- b) that there have been wide consultations in all ITU regions, involving ITU Member States, ITU Sector Members, Associates and Academia and civil society groups, showing great interest in the revision of the ITRs;
- c) that many input documents have been submitted by the ITU membership;
- d) the outcome of this conference,

recognizing

- a) Articles 13 and 25 of the ITU Constitution;
- b) No. 48 (Article 3) of the ITU Convention;
- c) that the ITRs are one of the pillars supporting ITU's mission;
- d) that 24 years elapsed between the approval of the ITRs and their review at this conference;
- e) that the ITRs consist of high-level guiding principles that should not require frequent amendment, but in the fast-moving sector of telecommunications/ICTs may need to be periodically reviewed,

noting

- a) that technological development and demand for services that require high bandwidth continue to increase;
- b) that the ITRs:
 - i) establish general principles on the provision and operation of international telecommunications;
 - ii) facilitate global interconnection and interoperability;
 - iii) promote efficiency, usefulness and availability of international telecommunication services,

resolves

to invite the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference to consider this resolution and to take necessary action, as appropriate, to convene periodically (for example every eight years) a World Conference on International Telecommunications to revise the ITRs, taking into account the financial implications for the Union,

instructs the Secretary-General

- 1 to bring this resolution to the attention of the Plenipotentiary Conference;
- 2 to provide information to enable the Plenipotentiary Conference to consider the cost implications of convening WCIT,

invites Member States

to contribute to the work outlined in this resolution.
